

## Message Text

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R 140640Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2008  
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY SANA

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 12297

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR,FT  
SUBJECT: ALI AREF RETURNS TO DJIBOUTI

REFS: A. LONDON 7118 (NOTAL, B. ADDIS MEMCON OCT. 18, 1976 (NOTAL)

DECEMBER 4 REVEIL DE DJIBOUTI INDICATED FORMER PRESIDENT OF  
TFAI COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ALI AREF BOURHAN AND HIS WIFE HAD  
RETURNED TO DJIBOUTI ON DECEMBER 3. HE HAD BEEN RESIDING IN  
FRANCE SINCE RESIGNING AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT THIS JULY.  
COMMENT: IT UNCLEAR WHY ALIR AREF RETURNED TO DJIBOUTI AT THIS  
TIME AND WHAT ROLE FORMER PRESIDENT WILL PLAY IN TFAI POLITICAL  
ARENA. EPMG WAS COMFORTABLE WITH TFAI GOVERNMENT LED BY ALI  
AREF. IT WOULD FAVOR AND NO DOUBT SUPPORT HIS RETURN TO POLITICS  
IN EFFORT TO COUNTER WHAT IT VISUALIZES AS TFAI GOVERNMENT  
DOMINATED BY PRO-SOMALI ELEMENTS. ONE INFORMED ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL  
HAS TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN  
THAT ALI IN POSITION TO PLAY HELPFUL ROLE AT PRESENT.  
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